- 1. I am the Managing Member of Marine Lenders Services, LLC, with offices at 5350 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Seattle, Washington. I have experience as vessel owner, operator, and broker, and I have served as the U.S. Marshal's deputy and substitute custodian for vessels under arrest in this District.
- 2. I have read Local Admiralty Rule 135 pertaining to the custody of property and am familiar with its provisions.

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3. I am not a party to this action and have no interest in the outcome of this action in which the vessel M/V AFRICA GRAECA, IMO No. 9221621 ("Vessel") is or will be under arrest.

- 4. I am also familiar with the Vessel's size, type, construction material, and apparent condition, and I have access to adequate facilities and supervision for and can safely keep the same in place of the United States Marshal during the pendency of suit herein and until further Order of this Court, and in this regard, I will provide legal liability insurance and perform the normal and customary custodial services for the Vessel, including attending mooring lines, bilge pumping as necessary, and providing locks and security, and guarding during its custodianship at a charge of \$1,500.00 for the first 10 days, and \$500.00 per day after the first 10 days for the Vessel. An additional monthly fee of \$642.00 (one month minimum) will be charged for substitute custodian legal liability insurance.
- 5. There will be an arrest fee not to exceed \$3,250.00 plus expenses. If not paid directly by the Vessel, I will charge moorage at the rate currently charged at its present location. The total charge for said services will be less than those charged by the United States Marshal for providing such services through professional keepers. I will provide these services and keep the Vessel secure at its current location, unless I determine that the Vessel should be moved in order to safeguard and protect the Vessel, or minimize expenses and/or maximize the sale price of the Vessel. In the event the Vessel needs to be moved, I will notify the U.S. Marshal's office prior to movement and when they have been secured.
- 6. I am a beneficiary of a Marine General Insurance Policy issued by Great American (Policy No. CL1932503366) with limits of \$2,000,000 for damage sustained by third parties due to negligence committed during said custody.

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